

## House Resolution No. 4202

**Whereas**, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives recognize the significance of the institution of marriage as a vital foundation of American society and wholeheartedly believe that a successful union can be achieved only through a loving relationship of mutual honor, respect, and trust; and

**Whereas**, a period of five wondrous decades has passed since Joe Stevenson lovingly took the hand of his beautiful bride, Waneta Gram, during a solemn ceremony on July 7, 1957, at St. Paul's (E and R) United Church of Christ in Kahoka, Missouri; and

**Whereas**, in the years since that heavenly day, Joe and Waneta Stevenson have had the pleasure of raising two children, Joseph Stevenson and Joan Frevert, and the privilege of spoiling four grandchildren; and

**Whereas**, Joe Stevenson has compiled an impressive record of achievement that includes serving as a teacher and coach at Williamstown, Missouri, La Grange, Missouri, and Aledo, Illinois; owning and operating the Western Auto Store until semi-retirement in 1994; and filling in as a substitute bus driver for the Canton R-V School District; and

**Whereas**, a devoted wife, loving mother, and exemplary homemaker, Waneta Stevenson further distinguished herself by working part-time at the Bank of Monticello; and

**Whereas**, during their half century together, Joe and Waneta Stevenson have cherished each other every day in sickness and in health with the love so deep in their hearts; and

**Whereas**, Mr. and Mrs. Stevenson of Canton commemorated the resplendent occasion of their Golden Wedding Anniversary on July 7, 2007, at the IUMC Fellowship Hall, in Canton:

**Now, therefore, be it resolved** that we, the members of the Missouri House of Representatives, Ninety-fourth General Assembly, join in extending our most hearty congratulations to Joe and Waneta Stevenson and in wishing them only the best as they continue their journey walking hand-in-hand along life's path; and

**Be it further resolved** that the Chief Clerk of the Missouri House of Representatives be instructed to prepare a properly inscribed copy of this resolution for Mr. and Mrs. Joe Stevenson.

Offered by \_\_\_\_\_  
Representative Brian Munzlinger  
District No. 1

I, Rod Jetton, Speaker of the House of Representatives,  
Ninety-fourth General Assembly, First Regular Session, do  
certify that the above is a true and correct copy of House  
Resolution No. 4202, adopted July 10, 2007.

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Rod Jetton, Speaker